

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A metal pallet (1) having: a top deck (5), a bottom deck (10) and at least two elongate bearers (15) securing the decks (5, 10) together. Each bearer (15) ~~having~~ has a first portion (16) and a second portion (17), each portion (16, 17) ~~extends~~ extending separately between the decks (5, 10) and ~~has~~ having a top web (20) and a bottom web (25) connected to a central web (30) by inclined portions (35).